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FINANCIAL REPORT



FRANCONIA

NEW HAMPSHIRE

This Town Report is dedicated to

*David B. Hunt
Road Agent
1974-2003*

*in appreciation for his over
thirty years of service to the
Town of Franconia*



Thank you, David.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of
FRANCONIA, NH

INCLUDING REPORTS OF THE
Water Commissioners
Abbie Greenleaf Library
Chamber of Commerce

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2003

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TOWN OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Kenneth H. Mosedale	(Term expires 2004)
Ronald Taksar (Appointed)	(Term expires 2004)
Ruth A. Vaill (Resigned)	(Term expires 2005)
Ramesh P. Dave	(Term expires 2006)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Sally L. Small (Appointed)

TOWN CLERK/ TAX COLLECTOR

Carol Wills (2004)

TREASURER

Tina D. Peabody (2004)

MODERATOR

David E. Schaffer (2004)

ROAD AGENT

David Hunt (Appointed)

HEALTH OFFICER

Susan Kurtz (Appointed)

AUDITOR

Carol Cunha/Neil Stafford (Appointed)

FIRE CHIEF

Roger Odell (Appointed)

POLICE CHIEF

Mark R. Montminy (Appointed)

WATER COMMISSIONERS

Richard McLachlin	(2004)
William Downey	(2005)
Marcia Graham	(2006)

Barbara Belz	(2004)
James Cunningham	(2004)
Nancy West (Appointed)	(2004)
Sharon McGuigan (Resigned)	(2005)

Harriet Taylor	(2005)
Tom Allen	(2006)
Bernardette Costa	(2006)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

LAFAYETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tracy Chardon	Franconia (2004)
Margo Connors	Sugar Hill (2004)
Steve North	Easton (2005)
Tina Peabody	Franconia (2005)
Mark Simpson	Sugar Hill (2006)

PROFILE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Bill Brown	Bethlehem (2004)
John Stevenson	Bethlehem (2004)
James Walker	Lafayette (2004)
Elise Drake	Lafayette (2005)
Annette Marquis	Bethlehem (2005)
Tina Peabody	Lafayette (2006)
Mary Pat Simmons	Bethlehem (2006)

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ruth Griffin	(2004)
John LeFavour	(2005)
Elise Drake	(2006)

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Kathleen Mead	(2004)
Eleanor A. Ackley	(2006)
Angelo Costa	(2008)

SCHOLARSHIP ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kathy Ross, School Representative
Harriet Taylor, Library Representative
Elise Drake, Church Representative

PLANNING BOARD

Sybil Carey	(2004)	Steve Plante	(2006)
Steve Horan (Resigned)	(2004)	Carol Wills	(2006)
Ron Taksar – Selectmen’s Rep	(2004)	Mary Grote	(Alternate - 2004)
Earle Collins	(2005)	Sharon Penney	(Alternate – 2006)
Steve Heath	(2005)	Carol Walker	(Alternate – 2006)
Bernardette Costa	(2006)		

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Bernardette Costa – Planning Bd	(2004)	James Walker	(2006)
Mary G.T. Fowler	(2004)	Timothy Brown	(Alternate - 2005)
Richard Gaudette	(2004)	Christopher Harris	(Alternate - 2005)
George Roorbach	(2005)	Rene Wills	(Alternate - 2006)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mary S. Grote	(2004)	Richard Bennink	(2005)
Kathryn McCarthy	(2004)	Lisa Woodward	(2005)
Alice Williams	(2004)	John P. Lefavour	(2006)
		Elizabeth Welch	(2006)

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Easton	Franconia	Sugar Hill
Mike Kenney	William McCarthy (2004)	Gordon Johnk
Brian Canelas	Edmund Marvelli (2005)	Laurie Henault
	Kim Cowles (2006)	

BALANCE SHEET

For the year ending December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash – NOW Account		\$ 910,495.51
Investments – NH-PDIP		5,539.02
Taxes Receivable		
Property Taxes – Current	\$231,899.64	
Property Taxes – Liens	<u>43,674.32</u>	
		275,573.96
Other Accounts Receivable		
Lafayette Regional School	327.58	
Town of Easton	2,470.00	
Cobra Insurance Payment	<u>401.74</u>	
		3,199.32
Due from Other Funds		
Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	19,277.20	
Land Use Fund	<u>416.37</u>	
		19,693.57
TOTAL ASSETS		\$1,214,501.38

LIABILITIES

Due to School Districts		
Profile School District	526,091.00	
Lafayette Reg. School District	394,999.00	
		<u>921,090.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		921.090.00

FUND EQUITY

Unexpected Articles		
1988 Article 10 – Shared Services	1,349.52	
1999 Article 17 – Fire Station Pkg. Lot	<u>3,475.00</u>	
		4,824.52
Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance		288,586.86
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		<u>293,411.38</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		\$1,214,501.38

NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

2003 was a year of several personnel changes for Franconia.

After 30 years of service, David Hunt retired as road agent and was replaced by Scott Knowlton. The Selectmen interviewed 5 candidates during August and September. Scott, from Derry, NH, started on October 1st, 2003. Welcome Scott. The Board wants to thank Ken Ford for his contribution in the Road Agent interview process.

Ruth Vail, who served the town as Administrative Assistant and Selectmen for many years, retired from public service during 2003. Her dedication, wisdom, and common sense are highly valued and will be missed. We welcome Ron Taksar as Ruth's appointed replacement on the Board of Selectmen.

The Town hired Heidi Pedrick as the new Executive Secretary to Sally Small, the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, replacing Sybil Carey. Patty Clark was appointed Town Clerk, replacing Carol Wills. Welcome Heidi and Patty and many thanks to Sybil and Carol.

As a result of the March 2003 town meeting, a volunteer, "Facilities Committee" was appointed to examine Town buildings and their respected functions. The committee, composed of Bill Campbell, Jim Hamblin, Thad Presby, and Mary Fowler, was given approximately six months to do their research and make recommendations to the Selectmen. The committee spent many hours doing interviews with Town employees and researched other Town facilities, and analyzed needs verses wants, and made several recommendations. The main recommendation confirmed the Board's need to add on the Town's Safety Service Building. A public meeting was held in November to explain their findings.

A "Principals Committee" composed of the Fire Department, Roger Odell and Stan Sherburn, Life Squad, Dean Wright, Police Department, Mark Montminy and Town Buildings, Jeff Phillips, refined the plan. Bill Campbell, Stan Sherburn, and Roger Odell guided this process. The recommendations of this committee are presented in a warrant article. A big thanks to the Facilities Committee.

Lib Welch and the Conservation Commission, volunteered many hours with plantings and work in the town. The Conservation Commission acquired additional land last year abutting the Gale River, extending the trail behind the Fire Station. To date the total number of acres now owned by the Town for the recreational enjoyment of the residents is 115. Thank you Lib for all the time and effort you give each year making the town look beautiful.

Under the guidance of Jeff Phillips, the Grafton County Corrections Department sent several trustees to the Town this summer to work on special projects including painting the Town Hall entrance and repairing and painting the cemetery iron fence entry.

And lastly we thank our Town Employees for their hard work and dedication.
They are our most important assets.

Town of Franconia, Board of Selectmen
Kenneth H. Mosedale, Chairman
Ramesh P. Dave, Selectmen
Ronald J. Taksar, Selectmen

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$ 71,548,428.00
Buildings	105,107,900.00
Manufactured Housing	1,083,100.00
Electric Utilities	<u>2,264,900.00</u>
Gross Valuation	\$180,004,328.00
Blind Exemptions	(15,000.00)
Elderly Exemptions	<u>(50,000.00)</u>
Net Valuation	\$179,939,328.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$1,614,463.00
Revenues	<u>(704,095.00)</u>
Net Town Appropriations	910,368.00
Net School Appropriations	1,406,998.00
Net State Education Appropriations	701,342.00
Net County Appropriations	<u>254,146.00</u>
Total of Town, School & County	3,272,854.00
Less Shared Revenue	(8,756.00)
Add: Overlay	20,194.00
Add: War Service Credits	<u>3,250.00</u>
Property Tax to be Raised	3,287,542.00
Adjustments for Computer Rounding	<u>(7.00)</u>
Adjusted Property Tax to be Raised	3,287,535.00
Less Credits	<u>(3,250.00)</u>
Taxes Committed to Treasurer	\$3,284,285.00

2003 Tax Rate (Per \$1,000.00 Valuation)

Town	\$5.14
County	1.41
State	3.95
School	<u>7.82</u>
	\$18.32

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Town of Franconia – December 31, 2003

Showing Annual Maturities of Outstanding Long Term Notes & Bonds

No Outstanding Debt

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

	Land	Buildings	Equipment
Town Hall, land & buildings	\$ 55,900.00	\$177,100.00	\$
General Government, buildings & equipment			1,741.00
Town Hall, equipment			18,336.00
Library, land & buildings	53,500.00	206,300.00	
Fire/Police, land & buildings	59,500.00	208,100.00	
Fire Department, equipment			317,985.00
Police Department, equipment			34,511.00
Highway Department/Transfer Station			
Land & buildings	52,500.00	71,000.00	
Highway Department, equipment			131,698.00
Transfer Station, equipment			8,946.00
Franconia Water Department			
Land & buildings	129,900.00	11,300.00	
Franconia Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			140,924.40
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Land & buildings	34,00.00		
Franconia/Mittersill Water Department			
Wells, mains, etc.			171,649.30
Cemeteries	96,100.00		
Land in Bethlehem	125,650.00		
Land in Franconia	216,000.00		
Robert Frost House (Museum)	107,000.00	85,100.00	
Heritage Museum	91,000.00	97,000.00	
Interpretive Center (Museum)	62,400.00	8,400.00	
Dow Strip	121,400.00		
Fox Hill Park	<u>126,700.00</u>		
	(1)	(1)	(2)
TOTALS	\$1,331,550.00	\$864,300.00	\$789,737.20

Note (1) Based on Assessed Valuation

Note (2) Depreciated

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
For the Year Ending December 31, 2003
Cash Basis

Motor Vehicle Registration	\$200,809.50
Municipal Agent Fees	225.00
Dog Licenses	665.00
Filing Fees for Town Offices	2.00
Birth Certificates	4.00
Death Certificates	38.00
Marriage Licenses/Certificates	73.00
Certified Copy Fees to State	135.00
Marriage License Fees to State	228.00
Recording Fees/Postage	5.00
UCC Filings and Requests	505.00
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TOTAL	\$202,689.50

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
Levy of 2003
For Year Ending December 31, 2003

DEBITS

Taxes Committed to Collector		
Property Taxes	\$3,285,538.00	
Yield Taxes	6,262.43	
Land Use Change Taxes	<u>2,925.00</u>	\$3,294,725.43
Overpayment of Property Taxes	16,898.54	
Interest Collected	<u>2,133.59</u>	<u>19,032.13</u>
TOTAL DEBITS		\$3,313,757.56

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$3,051,105.19	
Yield Taxes	6,262.43	
Land Use Change Taxes	2,925.00	
Overpayments	16,898.54	
Property Tax Abatement	2,541.00	
Interest Collected	<u>2,133.59</u>	<u>\$3,081,865.75</u>
Uncollected Taxes (per Collector's List)		
Property Taxes	<u>231,891.81</u>	<u>231,891.81</u>
TOTAL CREDITS		\$3,313,757.56

**SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
LEVY OF 2002**

DEBITS

Uncollected Taxes - January 1, 2003		
Property Taxes	\$160,739.14	
Yield Taxes	180.15	
Land Use Change Taxes	6,424.18	
Interest & Penalties Collected	<u>10,582.07</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$177,925.54

CREDITS

Remittances to Treasurer		
Property Taxes	\$165,470.14	
Land Use Change Taxes	1,434.18	
Interest Collected	10,582.07	
Abatements		
Property Taxes	431.32	
Uncollected Property Taxes	<u>7.83</u>	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$177,925.54

SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

	<u>DEBITS</u>		
	2002	2001	2000
Balance of Unredeemed Taxes			
January 1, 2003	\$	\$24,485.89	\$10,277.24
Taxes to Lien, Current FY	51,090.47		
Interest & Costs Collected	<u>1,827.12</u>	<u>3,221.39</u>	<u>2,186.74</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$52,917.59	\$27,707.28	\$12,463.98

	<u>CREDITS</u>		
Remittances To Treasurer			
Redemptions	\$19,688.79	\$16,644.84	\$5,656.52
Interest & Costs Collected	1,827.12	3,221.39	2,186.74
Abatements			236.18
Unredeemed Taxes	<u>31,401.68</u>	<u>7,841.05</u>	<u>4,384.54</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$52,917.59	\$27,707.28	\$12,463.98

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX LIEN

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2003

	2002	2001	2000
Bastianelli, Yvonne	\$ 2,650.63		
Boudreau, Kimberly A.	1,003.49		
Cantlon, James F.	346.47	293.93	273.97
Cushing, Joseph C.	2,726.50	2,632.67	
Dane Family Trust	2,010.52		
Fine, Ellen Beth	18.50		
Fullerton, Philip	873.92		
Harris, Harriet		807.80	
Hogan Realty Trust	47.05		
Long, G. Barry	50.33		
Macaulay, Austin	1,670.38		
McKenzie, Joel	2,948.98	2,954.15	4,110.57
Nolan, William E.	102.48		
Old Man Concessions	8,489.93		
Peckett, III, Robert P.	2,257.98	1,152.50	
Presby, Thaddeus D.	237.30		
Von Pantz, Stokes Lott	130.76		
Worcester, Gerald A.	<u>5,883.51</u>		
TOTALS	\$31,448.73	\$7,841.05	\$4,384.54

2003 TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Cash Balance		\$905,043.70
CHECKING ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 349,727.06	
Tax Collector	3,298,548.09	
Town Clerk	191,702.00	
Selectmen	390,862.88	
Returned Checks	(12,633.85)	
Interest Earned	<u>445.14</u>	
Total Regular Receipts	3,868,924.26	
Loan Proceeds	250,000.00	
From Trustees	141,914.00	
From NH-PDIP	<u>1,015,000.00</u>	
Total Other Revenue	1,406,914.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,275,838.26	5,275,838.26
Total Regular Disbursements	(3,842,807.24)	
Transfer NH-PDIP	(450,000.00)	
Loan Payment	(250,000.00)	
Miscellaneous Debt/Fees	(306.60)	
Void Checks	2,176.82	
To Trustees	<u>(174,500.00)</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	(4,715,437.02)	(4,715,437.02)
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 910,128.30	
NH-PDIP ACCOUNT		
Beginning Balance	\$ 555,316.64	
Deposits	463,368.69	
Interest Earned	1,853.69	465,222.38
W/Ds to Checking	<u>(1,015,000.00)</u>	(1,015,000.00)
Ending Balance	\$ 5,539.02	
Ending Cash Balance		\$915,667.32

LAND USE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$110,352.22
Transfer to Gen. Fund-NHPDIP	(12,000.00)
Interest Earned	<u>842.48</u>
Ending Balance	\$99,194.70

McLACHLIN MEMORIAL TRUST FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 9,606.56
Transfer to Gen. Fund-NHPDIP	(302.00)
Interest Earned	<u>77.60</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 9,382.16

TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 37,068.14
Transfer to Gen. Fund-NHPDIP	(1,066.69)
Interest Earned	<u>299.19</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 36,300.64

FRANCONIA WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance	\$78,760.80
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CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,035.77	
Deposits	72,439.56	
Interest Earned	26.70	72,466.26
PDIP Transfers OUT	(5,000.00)	
Expenses	(59,818.08)	
Fees/Adj.	<u>(61.90)</u>	<u>(64,879.98)</u>
Ending Balance	8,622.05	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	77,725.03	
Deposits	5,000.00	
Interest Earned	631.97	5,631.97
Withdrawals to Checking	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$83,357.00	

Year End Cash Balance	\$91,979.05
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FRANCONIA/MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Beginning Cash Balance	\$45,134.66
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CHECKING ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,943.09	
Water Rents	71,097.54	
Interest	30.47	71,128.01
Transfer	(5,000.00)	
Expenses	(56,989.34)	
Fees	<u>(61.10)</u>	<u>(62,050.44)</u>
Ending Balance	13,020.66	

NH-PDIP ACCOUNT

Beginning Balance	41,191.57	
Interest Earned	336.87	
Transfer	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,336.87</u>
Ending Balance	46,528.44	

Year End Cash Balance	\$59,549.10
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SUMMARY OF REVENUES

Accrual Basis

TAXES

3110 - 3186 Revenue from Taxes	\$3,256,643.73
3190 Interest & Penalties	15,112.64

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210 - 3290 Motor Vehicles, Bldg. Permits & Other	198,460.71
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FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351-3353 State of New Hampshire	88,334.81
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FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379 Town of Easton	5,406.50
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	14,187.65

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401 Income from Departments:	
4130 Executive	2,453.07
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	55.00
4150 Financial Administration	170.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	1,828.00
4195 Cemeteries	2,100.00
4210 Police	3,133.91
4220 Fire	994.97
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	174.46
4312 Highway	327.58
4442 Welfare	406.59
3409 Other Charges (Recreation Fees)	18,990.00

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE

3501 Sale of Town Property	6,200.00
3502 Interest on Investments	2,298.83

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN

3915 Capital Reserve Funds	134,187.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	3,704.00
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	4,023.00

TOTAL REVENUES

3,759,192.45

TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)

4332 Water Department	10,353.48
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas	1,090.14
BC/BS - Lovett	4,219.40
Cobra Payments	2,008.70
Conservation Commission Land Purchase	12,416.37
Domestic Support Grant	9,995.00
Emergency Management Grant	6,195.15
Planning Board Engineering Fees	912.00
Police Coverage	1,562.50

Recreation Deposit Fees	100.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 298,852.74

DETAILED STATEMENT OF REVENUES

TAXES

3110	Property Taxes	\$3,210,768.61	
3120	Land Use Change Tax	4,164.69	
3185	Yield Tax	6,262.43	
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	<u>35,448.00</u>	
			\$3,256,643.73
3190	Interest & Penalties		15,112.64

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

3210	Business Permits	100.00	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permits	191,324.55	
3230	Building Permits	4,421.16	
3290	Other Licenses & Fees	<u>2,615.00</u>	
			198,460.71

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

3351	Revenue Sharing	17,693.00	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution	28,075.39	
3353	Highway Block Grant	<u>42,566.42</u>	
			88,334.81

FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

3379	Town of Easton		
	Recreation Programs	3,406.50	
	Administrative Fees	<u>2,000.00</u>	
			5,406.50
3379	Town of Sugar Hill		
	Recreation Programs	10,560.15	
	Dispatch Phone Lines	1,327.50	
	Administrative Fees	<u>2,300.00</u>	
			14,187.65

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

3401	Income from Departments		
4130	Executive		
	Copies and Printouts	44.25	
	Maps	183.00	
	Secretary Wages Reimbursed	2,175.82	
	Town History Sales	<u>50.00</u>	
			2,453.07
4140	Election, Registration & Vital Statistics		
	Voter Checklist		55.00
4150	Financial Administration		
	LUCT/CU Recording Fees		170.00

4191	Planning and Zoning		
	Hearing Fees	1,728.00	
	Zoning Ordinances	<u>100.00</u>	1,828.00
4195	Cemeteries		
	Burials		2,100.00
4210	Police		
	Donations	1,075.00	
	Police Coverage	162.50	
	Police Report	360.00	
	Supplies Reimbursed	277.49	
	Town Fines	600.00	
	Vehicle Maintenance Refund	105.32	
	Witness Fees	<u>553.60</u>	3,133.91
4220	Fire		
	Grant Money	918.00	
	Court Fines	<u>76.67</u>	994.97
4290	Emergency Management (Forest Fire)		
	Fines Paid to Town	105.31	
	Training Expenses Reimbursed	<u>69.15</u>	174.46
4312	Highway Department		
	Gas Reimbursed		327.58
4442	Welfare		
	Assistance Reimbursed		406.59
3409	Other Charges (Recreation Fees)		
	Baseball Fees	1,110.00	
	Basketball Fees	275.00	
	Soccer Fees	1,770.00	
	Summer Recreation Fees	14,999.00	
	Summer After Hours Program	281.00	
	Winter Swimming Fees	<u>555.00</u>	18,990.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Town Property		6,200.00
3502	Interest on Investments		
	Connecticut River Bank	445.14	
	NH-PDIP	<u>1,853.69</u>	2,298.83
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3915	Capital Reserve Funds		
	Fire Truck	120,000.00	
	Reassessment	10,000.00	
	Legal	<u>4,187.00</u>	134,187.00
3916	Trust Funds		
	Cemetery		3,704.00
3917	Expendable Trust Funds		
	Cemetery Restoration	1,383.00	

Safety Services Building Improvement	2,345.00	
Town Building Maintenance	<u>295.00</u>	<u>4,023.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES		\$3,759,192.45
TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (In)		
4332 Water Department		
Gas & Diesel	110.94	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	169.81	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,296.33	
Supplies	104.99	
Payroll Taxes	605.66	
Wages	7,917.01	
Workers Compensation	<u>148.74</u>	10,353.48
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		1,090.14
BC/BS – Lovett		4,219.40
Cobra Payments		2,008.70
Conservation Commission Land Purchase		12,416.37
Domestic Support Grant		9,995.00
Emergency Management Grant		6,195.15
Planning Board Engineering Fees		912.00
Police Coverage		1,562.50
Recreation Deposit Fees		100.00
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 298,852.74

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Accrual Basis

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive	\$ 79,877.25
4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,205.04
4150 Financial Administration	35,307.79
4152 Revaluation of Property	11,875.00
4153 Legal Expense	6,479.15
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards	5,726.70
4194 General Government Buildings	61,256.06
4195 Cemeteries	12,266.68
4196 Insurance	5,698.84
4197 Advertising and Regional Associations	12,352.00
4199 Other General Government	47,300.50

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police	235,171.34
4215 Ambulance	4,950.00
4220 Fire	63,761.28
4221 Life Squad	10,527.23
4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fire)	3,133.34
4299 Emergency Phone Lines	20,914.89

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department	263,390.35
4316 Utilities	14,583.39

HEALTH

4415 Health Officer & Agencies	5,017.00
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WELFARE

4442 Direct Assistance	5,571.50
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

4520 Recreation	53,034.98
4521 Parks	6,461.15
4583 Patriotic Purpose	985.00
4589 Museums	655.79

CONSERVATION

4619 General Expenses	525.00
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DEBT SERVICE

4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	2,414.38
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CAPITAL OUTLAY

4902 Vehicles & Equipment	200,000.00
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4903 Buildings	2,640.24
4909 Other Improvements	1,383.38
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT	
4912 Special Revenue Funds	100,210.00
4915 Capital Reserve Funds	41,500.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds	<u>131,000.00</u>
SUB-TOTAL	\$1,465,175.25
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS	
4931 Grafton County	256,008.00
4933 School Districts	2,016,045.00
4939 State of New Hampshire	<u>667.50</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,737,895.75
 TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)	
4332 Water Department	10,353.48
4589 Museum	1,090.14
BC/BS – Lovett	4,219.40
Cobra Payments	2008.70
Conservation Commission Land Purchase	12,416.37
Domestic Preparedness Support Grant	9,995.00
Emergency Management Grant	6,195.15
Planning Board Engineering Fees	912.00
Police Coverage	1,562.50
Recreation Fee Deposits	100.00
Tax Anticipation Note	<u>250,000.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 298,852.74

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

4130 Executive

General Expenses		
Bethlehem Property Tax	2,613.27	
Dues	832.27	
Equipment		
Maintenance/Repairs	811.25	
New	<u>204.02</u>	1,015.27
Maps		2,026.75
Miscellaneous		854.56
Newspaper Notices		270.00
Postage		940.54
Professional Assistance		1,920.70
RSA Updates & Legal Material		92.00
Supplies		1,316.36
Telephone		1,631.87
Training/Meetings		120.00
Salaries & Wages		
Administrative Assistant		17,726.51
Executive Secretary		9,229.88
Moderator		42.00
Secretary		13,126.80
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance		21,633.89
Payroll Taxes		3,119.10
Retirement - Town Contribution		1,068.00
Workers Compensation		<u>297.48</u>
		\$ 79,877.25

4140 Election, Registration & Vital Statistics

Election/Registration	
General Expenses	759.40
Town Clerk	
General Expenses	
Dog Tags	50.80
Dues	20.00
New Office Equipment	1,156.51
Newspaper Notices	123.50
Postage	430.40
Software Programs/Support	1,819.18
Supplies	256.16
Telephone	642.67
Workshops/Meetings	30.00
Salaries & Wages	
Ballot Clerks	160.00
Supervisor of the Checklist	450.00
Town Clerk	9,877.90

Deputy Town Clerk		2,483.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>945.52</u>	19,205.04
4150 Financial Administration			
Accounting & Reports			
Bank Charges		306.60	
Checks & Supplies		253.03	
Town Report		1,470.00	
Auditor		3,500.00	
Tax Collection			
Dues		20.00	
Mortgage Search		299.00	
Postage/Envelopes		1,030.15	
Professional Assistance/Software			
Avitar	1,500.00		
New Equipment	1,000.00		
Hilltop Consulting	<u>153.75</u>	2,653.75	
Recording Fees		498.94	
Supplies		923.76	
Tax Bills/Warrants		600.62	
Salary & Wages			
Bookkeeper		17,695.51	
Tax Collector		2,900.93	
Treasurer		1,450.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		1,705.50	35,307.79
4152 Revaluation of Property			11,875.00
4153 Legal Expense			
Capital Reserve Funds	4,187.06		
General Matters	<u>2,292.09</u>		6,479.15
4191 Planning & Zoning Boards			
General Expenses			
Legal Advice		528.75	
Maps		300.00	
Newspaper Notices		354.70	
Postage		208.33	
Printing Expense		158.74	
RSA Updates & Law Books		148.00	
Subdivision/Lot Line Adjustment Recordings		78.00	
Supplies		356.07	
Salary & Wages			
Secretary	2,265.90		
ZBA Secretary	<u>1,092.37</u>	3,358.27	

Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		<u>235.84</u>	5,726.70
4194 General Government Buildings			
General Expenses			
Building Maintenance		2,974.47	
Dow Clock		670.02	
Equipment			
Maintenance	509.57		
New	<u>1,911.00</u>	2,420.57	
Heating Oil		5,282.28	
Insurance		925.00	
Library Insurance		408.00	
Plantings		353.23	
Supplies		1,750.46	
Vehicles			
Gas	1,072.32		
Maintenance	1,150.40		
Repairs	<u>2,161.23</u>	4,383.95	
Salaries & Wages		25,832.06	
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance		12,736.32	
Payroll Taxes		2,003.25	
Retirement - Town Contribution		624.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>892.45</u>	61,256.06
4195 Cemeteries			
General Expenses			
Electricity		124.27	
Equipment		2,444.60	
Fence		500.00	
Newspaper Ad		92.00	
Supplies/Flags		1,217.56	
Salary & Wages		7,189.51	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		550.00	
Workers Compensation		<u>148.74</u>	12,266.68
4196 Insurance			
Liability		4,441.00	
Public Officials Liability		1,000.00	
Unemployment Compensation-Audit		<u>257.84</u>	5,698.84
4197 Advertising and Regional Assoc.			
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce		10,000.00	
Mt Washington Regional Airport		693.00	
North Country Council		<u>1,659.00</u>	12,352.00

4199 Other General Government		
Article 10 – Shared Services	100.50	
Article 23– Revaluation	25,000.00	
Article 24 – Asbestos Removal	19,200.00	
Article 29 – Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00	
Article 30 – Franconia Children’s Center	<u>1,500.00</u>	47,300.50

PUBLIC SAFETY

4210 Police		
General Expenses		
Boarding Fee-Stray Dogs	130.00	
Building Maintenance	2,357.91	
Dues & Subscriptions	433.90	
Firearms		
Ammunition	1,667.00	
New	590.20	
Training	<u>23.30</u>	2,280.50
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	601.00	
Commercial Auto	880.00	
Liability	<u>4,713.00</u>	6,194.00
Investigations	59.00	
Meals Reimbursed	28.04	
Miscellaneous	192.57	
Office		
Equipment		
New	582.90	
Repairs/Maintenance	1,103.16	
Software/Support	<u>3,743.24</u>	5,429.30
Supplies/Postage	1,366.85	
Photography	362.41	
Radar Calibration/Repair	50.00	
Radios		
Maintenance	138.61	
New Equipment	593.67	
Pager Lease	<u>292.50</u>	1,024.78
RSA Updates & Law Books	1,392.87	
Telephone	2,701.24	
Training Expense	134.93	
Uniforms		
Cleaning/Repairs	1,609.25	
New	<u>2,660.16</u>	4,269.41
Vehicles		
Gas/Mileage Reimbursed	5,903.95	
Maintenance	3,206.96	
Repairs	5,624.36	
Supplies	<u>1,296.28</u>	16,031.55

Salaries & Wages			
Officers	118,693.28		
Overtime	11,349.32		
Prosecuting	1,699.10		
Special Investigations	2,743.28		
Specials	6,876.00		
Training	1,926.08		
Taxes & Benefits			
Health Insurance	33,518.48		
Payroll Taxes	2,646.28		
Retirement - Town Contribution	9,049.13		
Workers Compensation	<u>2,231.13</u>		235,171.34
4215 Ambulance Service			4,950.00
4220 Fire Department			
General Expenses			
Administration and Supplies	368.54		
Building Maintenance			
Cleaning	728.65		
Electricity	1,995.35		
Maintenance	<u>2,138.54</u>	4,862.54	
Dues and Subscriptions		961.72	
Gas and Diesel		696.69	
Heating Oil		2,188.09	
Insurance			
Building & Equipment	342.00		
Commercial Auto	2,256.00		
Liability	<u>369.00</u>	2,967.00	
New Equipment			
SCBA	2,919.29		
Turnout Gear	3,105.54		
Fire Hose	3,150.00		
Rescue Tools	<u>3,118.25</u>	12,293.08	
Radios		2,701.71	
Telephone		1,022.58	
Training and Prevention		3,490.67	
Vehicles and Equipment		1,387.11	
Salaries & Wages			
Fireman's Annual Pay	24,238.00		
Fireman's Fund	2,450.00		
Inspections	1,426.50		
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes	1,963.34		
Workers Compensation	<u>743.71</u>		63,761.28
4221 Life Squad			
General Expenses			

Commercial Auto Insurance	160.00	
Gas and Diesel	371.86	
Hazmat Supplies	65.88	
Radios	570.21	
Supplies	4,287.00	
Telephone	280.21	
Uniforms	2,990.36	
Vehicles & Equipment	1,206.74	
Workers Compensation	<u>594.97</u>	10,527.23

4290 Emergency Management (Forest Fires)

General Expenses		
New Equipment	1,019.45	
Equipment Maintenance	123.47	
Mileage Reimbursed	7.92	
Supplies	252.50	
Vehicles		
Gas, Diesel & Oil	43.46	
Insurance	225.00	
Maintenance	<u>265.00</u>	533.46
Salary & Wages		
Annual Pay	625.00	
Fire Fighting Pay	329.11	
Fire Fighting Training	157.41	
Taxes & Benefits		
Payroll Taxes	<u>85.02</u>	3,133.34

4299 Dispatch Phone Lines

8123 Phone Line	2,654.89	
Grafton County Dispatch	<u>18,260.00</u>	20,914.89

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS

4312 Highway Department

General Expenses		
Building Maintenance	1,518.77	
Clean-up Expenses	1,132.00	
Culverts	12.56	
Dues	20.00	
Equipment		
Maintenance	8,324.87	
Rental	<u>5,180.00</u>	13,504.87
Gas and Diesel	11,871.57	
Gravel	1,682.73	
Insurance		
Building & Equipment	564.00	
Commercial Auto	<u>1,436.00</u>	2,000.00
Newspaper Notices	2,395.26	
New Tools	1,974.70	

Radio Repair	251.00	
Random Drug Tests	200.00	
Roadside Mowing	1,380.00	
Safety	449.65	
Sand and Salt	27,091.15	
Sidewalk Plowing	7,709.34	
Street Sweeping	13,588.16	
Supplies	5,811.36	
Telephone	728.99	
Training/Workshops	360.00	
Uniforms	2,087.46	
Vehicles		
Maintenance	7,649.58	
Repairs	<u>300.65</u>	7,950.23
Wallace Hill Road Plowing		775.00
Salaries & Wages		
Wages	99,904.68	
Overtime	10,168.96	
Taxes & Benefits		
Health Insurance	33,039.34	
Payroll Taxes	8,507.86	
Retirement - Town Contribution	1,920.00	
Workers Compensation	<u>5,354.71</u>	263,390.35
4316 Utilities		
Cable Consortium	614.15	
Street Lighting	<u>13,969.24</u>	14,583.39
HEALTH		
4415 Health Agencies		
Grafton County Senior Citizens	1,050.00	
Hospice of Littleton Area	522.00	
North Country Home Health	2,178.00	
White Mountain Mental Health	<u>1,267.00</u>	5,017.00
WELFARE		
4442 Welfare		
General Assistance	4,271.50	
Tri-County Community Action	<u>1,300.00</u>	5,571.50
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
4520 Recreation		
Executive Director	13,124.80	
Executive Director Expense	569.90	
Baseball and Softball		
Clinic/Umpire Fees	300.00	
Supplies	1,017.94	
Uniforms	1,033.51	

Basketball			
Supplies		261.86	
Uniforms		211.86	
Rink and Ice Skating			
Equipment Maintenance		1,349.06	
Icemaking		2,532.30	
Rink Maintenance		1,067.53	
Supplies		13.20	
Utilities		2,014.37	
Rink Maintenance Fund		2,000.00	
Soccer			
Supplies		582.40	
Tournament Expense		435.00	
Uniforms		673.07	
Summer Recreation			
Adventure Program		248.58	
After Hours Program		281.00	
Newspaper Notices		181.50	
Pool and Facilities		400.00	
Staff Uniforms		122.16	
Staff Workshops/Training		310.00	
Supplies		727.55	
Transportation		4,575.67	
Uniforms		622.57	
Salaries & Wages		14,343.50	
Winter Swimming		485.00	
Taxes & Benefits			
Payroll Taxes		2,360.71	
Workers Compensation		<u>1,189.94</u>	53,034.98
4521 Parks			
Dow Field			
Electricity	94.09		
Equipment	1,910.00		
Field Maintenance	2,904.11		
Portable Toilets	<u>763.00</u>	5,671.20	
Parks Mowing/Maintenance		306.17	
Supplies		<u>483.78</u>	6,461.15
4583 Patriotic Purpose			985.00
4589 Museums			
Building Maintenance		557.79	
Insurance		<u>98.00</u>	655.79
CONSERVATION			
4619 Conservation			
General Expenses			

Dues	175.00	
Plantings	30.00	
Trees	<u>320.00</u>	525.00
DEBT SERVICE		
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Note		2,414.38
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
4902 Vehicles & Equipment		
Article 7 – Fire Truck		200,000.00
4903 Buildings		
Town Building Maintenance	295.00	
Safety Services Building	<u>2,345.24</u>	2,640.24
4909 Other Improvements		
Cemetery Restoration		1,383.38
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		
4912 Special Revenue Funds		
Library Appropriation	55,175.00	
Transfer Station Appropriation	<u>45,035.00</u>	100,210.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES		
4915 Capital Reserve Funds		
Bridge Construction	1,500.00	
Highway Truck	6,000.00	
Life Squad Van	15,000.00	
Police Cruiser	12,000.00	
Town Buildings Truck	<u>7,000.00</u>	41,500.00
4916 Expendable Trust Funds		
Cemetery Restoration	4,000.00	
Emergency Management	1,000.00	
Heritage Museum Maintenance	1,000.00	
Health Insurance Deductible	5,000.00	
Highway Improvement	15,000.00	
Safety Services Building	100,00.00	
Sidewalk Improvement	<u>5,000.00</u>	131,000.00
SUB-TOTAL		\$1,465,175.25
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS		
4931 Grafton County Tax		256,008.00
4933 School Districts		
Lafayette Regional School District	957,010.00	
Profile School District	<u>1,059,035.00</u>	2,016,045.00



TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Franconia Town Hall

March 9, 2004 – 7:30 PM

Polls open from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. (By ballot.)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000.00 (gross budget) for the addition and equipping of the Safety Services building, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$453,000 of notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the selectmen to issue and negotiate such notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$197,000 from the Safety Services Facilities Improvement Expendable Trust Fund created for this purpose. The selectmen recommend this appropriation. (2/3-ballot vote required).

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to establish a Town Budget Committee in accordance with RSA 32:14-24. Said budget committee to consist of four (4) at large members, and these members shall be elected by the town. (By petition) (Majority vote by ballot required).

ARTICLE 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of same, as set forth in the following budget:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Executive.....	\$84,049.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,165.00
Financial Administration	35,403.00
Revaluation of Property	17,480.00
Legal Expenses	3,000.00
Planning & Zoning.....	8,320.00
General Government Buildings	62,733.00
Cemeteries.....	11,171.00
Insurance	6,402.00
Advertising & Regional Associations.....	12,358.00
(Chamber of Commerce.....	10,000.00)
(North Country Council	1,665.00)
(Regional Airport	693.00)

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police.....	249,478.00
Ambulance	5,175.00
Fire	66,395.00
Life Squad	10,000.00
Forest Fire	5,085.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	21,580.00

(Franconia's Share	20,230.00)
HIGHWAYS & STREETS	267,580.00
UTILITIES	15,000.00
HEALTH & HOSPITALS	6,767.00
(North Country Home Health	2,178.00)
(White Mt. Mental Health.....	1,267.00)
(Grafton Co. Senior Citizens	1,050.00)
(Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00)
(Health Officer	200.00)
(Hospice	572.00)
WELFARE.....	7,500.00
(General Assistance	6,000.00)
(CAP	1,500.00)
 CULTURE & RECREATION	
Recreation Programs	54,391.00
(Franconia's Share.....	22,592.00)
Parks	6,900.00
Patriotic Purposes.....	1,000.00
Museums	700.00
CONSERVATION	1,000.00
INTEREST	4,000.00
 TOTAL.....	\$983,632.00

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be added to the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be added to the Life Squad Van Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00) to be added to the Town Buildings Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be added to the Legal Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be added to the Reassessment Capital Reserve Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be added to the Sidewalk Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred two thousand dollars (\$102,000.00) to be added to the Highway Improvement Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Cemetery Restoration Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be added to the Franconia Heritage Museum Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty-six thousand dollars (\$46,000.00) to purchase a new Highway Department Truck and to authorize the withdrawal of thirty-three thousand dollars (\$33,000.00) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000.00) will come from trading in 1-ton highway truck that is being replaced. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800.00) to replace all the town road signs with reflective signs to come into compliance with Federal 911 regulations. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to do maintenance in and around the Highway Garage and Transfer Station to come into compliance with Department of Environmental Services pollution control specifications. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote transfer two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the Recreation Committee's line item budget to the Rink Surface Maintenance Fund previously established. The selectmen recommend this transfer of funds.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars (\$5,950.00) to have the Town tax maps digitized. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred-fourteen thousand six hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$214,668.00) for the purpose of solid waste disposal and to raise forty-five thousand thirty-five dollars (\$49,114.00) from taxation and to expend eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) from the Transfer Station/Recycling Center Special Revenue Fund surplus for this purpose. Additional

funding for this appropriation will come from the Town of Sugar Hill (\$29,654.00), the Town of Easton (\$13,900.00), PAYT Fees (\$78,000.00), Special Handling Fees (\$21,000.00), Recycled Material (\$14,000.00) and Waste Oil Grant (\$1,000.00). The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-nine thousand six hundred seventeen dollars (\$59,617.00) for the purpose of operating the Abbie Greenleaf Library and to transfer this amount to the Library Trustees for their use as they see fit. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the North Country YMCA to support services that reach more than 1800 families and individuals throughout the north country by this chartered non profit association. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred forty-six dollars (\$346.00) for the American Red Cross to support services provided by their chapter to the residents of Franconia. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) for the Franconia Children's Center to be used for general operating expenses. The selectmen recommend this appropriation.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town shall adopt an Exemption for the Disabled under the provisions of RSA 72:37-b as follows: the exemption from assessed value for qualified taxpayers shall be \$15,000.00. To qualify, the person must be eligible under Title II or Title XVI of the federal Social Security Act, must occupy the property as his principle place of abode, must own the property individually or jointly, or if owned by a spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years, had in the calendar year preceding April 1 a net income from all sources, of not more than \$13,400 if single and \$20,400 if married, own net assets not in excess of \$35,000.00 excluding the value of the persons actual residence and land up to 2 acres or the minimum single family residential lot specified in the zoning ordinance. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to modify the veteran's credit from \$700 to \$1,400.00 for service connected total and permanent disability as provided in RSA 72:35-IVa. The selectmen recommend this article.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to take over the yearly maintenance of Powder Hill Road and Point of View Road. (By petition.)

ARTICLE 27. WHEREAS the Bill of Rights of the United States Constitution and the Constitution of New Hampshire guarantee freedom of speech, assembly, and privacy; the rights to counsel and due process in judicial proceedings; and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures;

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Franconia support all lawful and Constitutional efforts to prevent and investigate terrorist or other criminal acts and prosecute their perpetrators;

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Franconia believe that sufficient Constitutionally acceptable tools existed for Law Enforcement to combat terrorism prior to the passage of the USA PATRIOT Act and the Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (IAA);

WHEREAS the people of the Town of Franconia join communities across the nation in their concern that the PATRIOT Act and the IAA threaten our civil rights and liberties by:

- greatly expanding the government's ability to conduct secret searches;
- all but eliminating judicial oversight when conducting telephone and Internet surveillance or acquiring financial records;
- eliminating Congressional oversight of the FBI's use of "National Security Letters";
- allowing indefinite detention of individuals without charges or representation;
- giving law enforcement officials broad access to sensitive medical, mental health, library, business, financial, educational, and other records about individuals without first showing evidence of a crime and without a court order;

THEREFORE, we the citizens of Franconia, New Hampshire, acting in the spirit and history of our State and our community, do hereby request that:

- Local, state and federal law enforcement acting within the Town of Franconia continue to preserve our Constitutionally guaranteed freedoms when acting under the powers of the PATRIOT Act or IAA;
- New Hampshire's Congressional delegation actively work for the repeal of those portions of the PATRIOT Act and the IAA that violate the rights and liberties guaranteed by the United States and New Hampshire Constitutions. (By petition).

ARTICLE 28. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, and committees, or other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Kenneth H. Mosedale
Ramesh P. Dave
Ronald Taksar
Board of Selectmen

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – REVENUE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated 2003	Actual 2003	Estimated 2004
TAXES:			
3120 Land Use Change Taxes	\$ -0-	\$ 4,165.00	\$ -0-
3185 Yield Taxes	5,000.00	6,262.00	3,000.00
3186 Payment in Lieu of Taxes	30,000.00	30,957.00	30,000.00
3190 Interest & Penalties	15,000.00	15,113.00	13,000.00
LICENSES, PERMITS, & FEES:			
3210 Business Permits	100.00	100.00	100.00
3220 Motor Vehicles	150,000.00	191,325.00	180,000.00
3230 Building Permits	5,000.00	4,421.00	3,000.00
3290 Other Fees – Town Clerk	2,000.00	2,615.00	2,000.00
FROM STATE:			
3351 Shared Revenues	17,500.00	7,075.00	7,000.00
3352 Meals & Rooms Tax	25,000.00	28,075.00	25,000.00
3353 Highway Block Grant	40,000.00	42,566.00	42,529.00
3359 Other Payments/Grants	-0-	4,491.00	1,000.00
FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS			
3379 Town of Easton	18,619.00	18,153.00	19,729.00
3379 Town of Sugar Hill	42,799.00	42,107.00	45,174.00
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:			
3401 Income from Departments	1,600.00	11,316.00	1,500.00
3409 PAYT Fees, etc.	107,961.00	105,186.00	114,000.00
3409 Recreation Enrollment Fees	15,000.00	18,990.00	16,100.00
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES:			
3501 Sale of Municipal Property	6,000.00	6,200.00	13,000.00
3502 Interest on Investments	2,000.00	2,299.00	2,000.00
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:			
3912 Water Dept.	10,000.00	-0-	1,500.00
3912 Transfer Station Spec. Rev. Fund	11,000.00	12,904.00	8,000.00
3915 Capital Reserve Funds	131,126.00	135,313.00	33,000.00
3916 Trust Funds (Cemetery)	5,000.00	3,704.00	-0-
3917 Expendable Trust Funds	-0-	4,023.00	197,000.00
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
3934 Long Term Borrowing	<u>-0-</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>453,000.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	\$640,705.00	\$697,360.00	\$1,210,632.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA – EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approp. 2003	Actual 2003	Estimated 2004
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130 Executive	\$85,521.00	\$ 79,877.00	\$ 84,049.00
4140 Election, Reg. & Vital Stats.	20,918.00	19,205.00	20,165.00
4150 Financial Administration	34,222.00	35,308.00	35,403.00
4152 Revaluation of Property	11,875.00	11,875.00	17,480.00
4153 Legal Expense	3,000.00	6,479.00	3,000.00
4191 Planning & Zoning	4,975.00	5,727.00	8,320.00
4194 General Gov't. Buildings	56,381.00	61,256.00	62,733.00
4195 Cemeteries	11,424.00	12,267.00	11,171.00
4196 Insurance	13,000.00	5,699.00	6,402.00
4197 Advertising & Regional Assoc.	12,352.00	12,352.00	12,358.00
PUBLIC SAFETY:			
4210 Police	225,183.00	235,171.00	249,478.00
4215 Ambulance	4,950.00	4,950.00	5,175.00
4220 Fire	66,100.00	63,761.00	66,395.00
4221 Life Squad	10,000.00	10,527.00	10,000.00
4290 Forest Fire	2,717.00	3,133.00	5,085.00
4299 Dispatch Phone Line	20,660.00	20,915.00	21,580.00
HIGHWAYS & STREETS:			
4312 Highway Department	251,578.00	263,390.00	267,580.00
4316 Utilities	15,000.00	14,583.00	15,000.00
HEALTH:			
4415 Health Officer & Agencies	5,217.00	5,017.00	6,767.00
WELFARE:			
4442 Direct Assistance & CAP	9,300.00	5,572.00	7,500.00
CULTURE & RECREATION:			
4520 Recreation	53,836.00	53,035.00	54,391.00
4521 Parks	7,820.00	6,461.00	6,900.00
4583 Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	985.00	1,000.00
4589 Museums	700.00	656.00	700.00
CONSERVATION:			
4619 General Expenses	1,000.00	525.00	1,000.00
DEBT SERVICE:			
4723 Interest on TANS	5,000.00	2,414.00	4,000.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
4902 Vehicles & Equipment			
FY2003			
Article 6: Fire Truck	200,000.00	200,000.00	-0-
FY2004			
Article 14: Highway Truck	-0-	-0-	46,000.00

4903 Buildings			
FY2004			
Article 2: Safety Services Building	-0-	-0-	650,000.00
ETF: Safety Services Building	-0-	2,345.00	-0-
EFT: Town Building Maintenance	-0-	295.00	-0-
4909 Other Improvements			
ETF: Cemetery Restoration	-0-	1,383.00	-0-
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912 SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
Transfer Station/Recycling Center	203,933.00	208,284.00	214,668.00
Library	55,175.00	55,175.00	59,617.00
SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES:			
CRF: New Equipment	1,126.00	1,126.00	-0-
CRF: Fire Truck	500.00	-0-	-0-
CRF: Police Cruiser	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
CRF: Life Squad Van	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
CRF: Highway Truck	6,000.00	6,000.00	-0-
CRF: Legal	-0-	-0-	4,000.00
CRF: Reassessment	-0-	-0-	10,000.00
CRF: Town Buildings Vehicle	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
CRF: Bridge Construction	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-
ETF: Sidewalks	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ETF: Highway Improvement	15,000.00	15,000.00	102,000.00
ETF: Safety Services Building	100,000.00	100,000.00	-0-
ETF: Health Insurance Deductible	5,000.00	5,000.00	-0-
ETF: Cemetery Restoration	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,000.00
ETF: Franconia Heritage Museum	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
ETF: Emergency Management	1,000.00	1,000.00	-0-
INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES (Recommended):			
FY2004			
Article 15: Reflective Signs	-0-	-0-	3,800.00
Article 16: Highway Garage DES	-0-	-0-	5,000.00
Article 18: Digitized Tax Maps	-0-	-0-	5,950.00
Article 21: North Country YMCA	-0-	-0-	250.00
Article 22: American Red Cross	-0-	-0-	346.00
Article 23: Franconia Children's Center	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
FY2003			
Article 21: Property Valuation Update	25,000.00	25,000.00	-0-
Article 22: Asbestos Removal	20,000.00	19,200.00	-0-
Article 26: Water Dept Well Testing	20,000.00	-0-	-0-
Article 27: Littleton Regional Hospital	1,500.00	1,500.00	-0-
FY1988			
Article 10: Shared Services	-0-	100.00	-0-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,634,963.00	\$1,629,548.00	\$2,129,763.00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND

	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements
Executive	\$85,521.00	\$ 1,674.00
Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics	20,918.00	55.00
Financial Administration	34,222.00	170.00
Revaluation of Property	11,875.00	-0-
Legal Expenses	3,000.00	4,187.00
Planning & Zoning	4,975.00	1,828.00
General Government Buildings	56,381.00	200.00
Cemeteries	11,424.00	2,100.00
Insurance	13,000.00	-0-
Advertising & Regional Associations	12,352.00	-0-
Police	225,183.00	3,134.00
Ambulance	4,950.00	-0-
Fire	66,100.00	995.00
Life Squad	10,000.00	-0-
Forest Fire	2,717.00	174.00
Dispatch Phone Lines	20,660.00	-0-
Highway Department	251,578.00	328.00
Utilities	15,000.00	-0-
Health Officer & Agencies	5,217.00	-0-
Welfare	9,300.00	407.00
Recreation	53,836.00	2,076.00
Parks	7,820.00	-0-
Patriotic Purposes	1,000.00	-0-
Museums	700.00	-0-
Conservation	1,000.00	-0-
Interest	5,000.00	299.00
TOTALS	\$ 933,729.00	\$17,655.00

EXPENDITURES, Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2003

Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrafts
\$ 87,195.00	\$ 79,877.00	\$ 7,318.00	\$ -0-
20,973.00	19,205.00	1,768.00	-0-
34,392.00	35,308.00	-0-	916.00
11,875.00	11,875.00	-0-	-0-
7,187.00	6,479.00	708.00	-0-
6,803.00	5,727.00	1,076.00	-0-
56,581.00	61,256.00	-0-	4,675.00
13,524.00	12,267.00	1,257.00	-0-
13,000.00	5,699.00	7,301.00	-0-
12,352.00	12,352.00	-0-	-0-
228,317.00	235,171.00	-0-	6,854.00
4,950.00	4,950.00	-0-	-0-
67,095.00	63,761.00	3,334.00	-0-
10,000.00	10,527.00	-0-	527.00
2,891.00	3,133.00	-0-	242.00
20,687.00	20,915.00	-0-	227.00
251,906.00	263,390.00	-0-	.11,484.00
15,000.00	14,583.00	417.00	-0-
5,217.00	5,017.00	200.00	-0-
9,707.00	5,572.00	4,135.00	-0-
55,912.00	53,035.00	2,877.00	-0-
7,820.00	6,461.00	1,359.00	-0-
1,000.00	985.00	15.00	-0-
700.00	656.00	44.00	-0-
1,000.00	525.00	475.00	-0-
5,299.00	2,414.00	2,885.00	-0-
\$951,384.00	\$940,140.00	\$35,169.00	\$24,925.00

4939 State of New Hampshire		
Animal Population Control	250.00	
Dog Licenses	62.50	
Marriage Licenses	228.00	
Vital Records	<u>127.00</u>	<u>667.50</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$3,737,895.75
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TRANSFER ACCOUNTS (Out)

4332 Water Department		
Gas & Diesel	110.94	
Mittersill Fire Station Electricity	169.81	
Mittersill Fire Station Heating Oil	1,296.33	
Supplies	104.99	
Wages	7,917.01	
Payroll Taxes	605.66	
Workers Compensation	<u>148.74</u>	<u>10,353.48</u>
4589 Museum Heating Oil/Gas		<u>1,090.14</u>
BC/BS Lovett		<u>4,219.40</u>
Conservation Commission Land Purchase		<u>12,416.37</u>
Cobra Insurance Payments		<u>2,008.70</u>
Domestic Preparedness Support Grant		<u>9,995.00</u>
Emergency Management Grant		<u>6,195.15</u>
Planning Board Engineering Fees		<u>912.00</u>
Police Coverage		<u>1,562.50</u>
Recreation Fee Deposits		<u>100.00</u>
Tax Anticipation Note		<u>250,000.00</u>

TOTAL TRANSFERS		\$ 298,852.74
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TRANSFER STATION/RECYCLING CENTER SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Beginning Balance		\$ 35,404.85
Income		
Town of Franconia	45,035.00	
Town of Sugar Hill	27,191.00	
Town of Easton	12,746.00	
PAYT Fees	74,874.50	
Special Handling Fees	19,638.30	
Recycled Material	<u>15,894.65</u>	195,379.45
Expenses		
Solid Waste Disposal		
MSW Hauling	5,009.76	
MSW Tipping	37,723.48	
Bulky Disposal		
Roll Off Hauling	5,455.99	
Roll Off Tipping	16,837.10	
Utilities	2,415.13	
General Expenses		
Dues	1,753.56	
PAYT Bags	8,791.20	
Insurance	161.00	
Supplies & Baling Wire	316.62	
Oil & Gas	742.61	
Printing & Advertising	245.50	
Training & Certification	253.98	
Uniforms	495.81	
Equipment Maintenance	856.36	
Contingency	1,117.47	
Capital Improvements	9,000.00	
Wages	87,388.82	
Benefits		
Health Insurance	18,117.68	
Retirement	1,644.00	
Workers' Compensation	3,272.32	
Payroll Taxes	<u>6,685.26</u>	<u>208,283.65</u>
Ending Balance		\$ 22,500.65

VALUATION OF TOWN EQUIPMENT

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2003 Kenworth Pumper Truck	\$215,000.00	\$204,250.00	20	\$10,750.00
1997 Ford Rescue Van	\$110,000.00	\$10,050.00	10	\$11,000.00
1993 Sutphen Delage Pumper	180,000.00	90,000.00	20	9,000.00
1988 Ford Equipment Van	20,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1978 Ford Attack Pumper	40,000.00	-0-	16	-0-
1934 LaFrance Pumper (antique)				
Scott Air Pack (10)	14,250.00	7,891.00	20	705.00
Protective Gear (30)	15,000.00	-0-	5	1,297.00
5,000 ft. 4" Hose	20,000.00	4,531.00	10	1,510.00
3,000 ft 2-1/2" Hose	3,000.00		10	-0-
1,500 ft. 1-1/2" Hose	2,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Fittings	4,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
Smoke Ejectors (2)	684.00	-0-	5	-0-
Nozzles & Deck Guns	10,000.00	-0-	10	-0-
1987 Defibrillator (Life Squad)	4,920.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Mini Responder Kit (Life Squad)	393.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Computer	1,520.00	-0-	5	-0-
Communications Equipment:				
David Clark Headsets	3,636.00	64.00	10	364.00
Mobile Radios (4)	9,300.00	-0-	10	-0-
Portable Radios (15)	12,800.00	680.00	10	1,280.00
Base Radio	3,500.00	-0-	10	-0-
Beepers (35)	<u>16,975.00</u>	<u>519.00</u>	10	<u>131.00</u>
Totals	\$686,978.00	\$317,985.00		\$36,037.00

POLICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2002 Ford Crowne Victoria	\$22,614.00	\$7,538.00	3	\$7,538.00
1999 Chevy Tahoe	26,438.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Spec. Mountain Bike	350.00	70.00	5	70.00
2002 Astro Portable Radios (4)	9,758.00	5,854.00	5	1,952.00
1992 GE Mobile (2)	930.00	-0-	10	-0-
1998 Kenwood Mobile	1,464.00	732.00	8	183.00
1996 Motorola Portable (4)	2,760.00	1,380.00	8	345.00
Siren, Lights	1,200.00	-0-	5	-0-
1989 Siren	210.00	-0-	10	-0-
1999 Eagle Radar	3,095.00	-0-	5	-0-
1988 Radar	1,450.00	-0-	5	-0-
Misc. Office	3,000.00	-0-	5	-0-

File Cabinets	384.00	-0-	10	-0-
Lockers (6)	515.00	-0-	10	-0-
2002 Sony Camcorder	650.00	434.00	6	108.00
2001 Video Cameras (2)	10,360.00	7,252.00	10	1,036.00
2001 Digital Cameras (2)	600.00	420.00	10	60.00
2001 Dell Computer (Donated)				
2001 HP Color Printer	200.00	140.00	10	20.00
1999 Laptop Computer	3,353.00	669.00	5	671.00
1999 Label Writer	320.00	64.00	5	64.00
1998 Computer	2,150.00	-0-	4	-0-
1998 Printer	825.00	-0-	4	-0-
1997 Sharp Fax Machine	399.00	159.00	5	80.00
1997 Typewriter	500.00	100.00	5	100.00
1996 Sharp Copier	1,295.00	647.00	8	162.00
2002 Colt TR (2)	1400.00	1,120.00	10	140.00
2002 Colt TR (2) – (Mil. Surplus)	150.00	120.00	10	15.00
2001 Colt TR	700.00	490.00	10	70.00
2000 Colt TR	700.00	420.00	10	70.00
Sig. 45 cal (7-1997)	3,709.00	2,229.00	10	370.00
Sig. 9mm (1-1995)	587.00	351.00	10	59.00
Tactical rifle (1998)	503.00	303.00	10	50.00
1989 Mossberg shotgun (2)	393.00	161.00	10	33.00
1998 Stinger Spikes (2)	<u>1,430.00</u>	<u>858.00</u>	10	<u>143.00</u>
Totals	\$104,392.00	\$34,511.00		\$13,339.00

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2001 Ford Truck	\$44,980.00	\$11,245.00	10	\$11,245.00
2000 Mack Truck	71,102.00	35,552.00	10	7,110.00
1999 Ford Truck	35,372.00	-0-	4	-0-
1998 Diamond Snow Plow	2,500.00	1,000.00	10	250.00
1995 Mack Truck	76,702.00	15,342.00	10	7,670.00
1995 Spreaders (2)	18,498.00	-0-	6	-0-
1990 John Deere Loader	47,500.00	2,700.00	15	3,200.00
1986 Caterpillar Grader	55,000.00	29,331.00	15	3,667.00
1985 Highway Sweeper	12,000.00	-0-	6	-0-
1999 Radio	415.00	249.50	10	41.50
Radios	4,400.00	-0-	10	-0-
Steam Jenny & Generator	3,700.00	1,480.00	10	370.00
Air Impact Wrench	650.00	455.00	10	65.00
Compressor	1,163.00	119.00	10	116.00
22 Ton Air Jack	700.00	420.00	10	70.00
10 Ton Jack	100.00	-0-	5	-0-
Chain Saw	338.00	-0-	2	-0-
Welder & Culvert Pump	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$377,120.00	\$97,893.50		\$43,892.50

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2003 Dell Computer	\$2,051.00	\$1,641.00	5	\$410.00
2001 Cannon Copier	250.00	100.00	5	50.00
1999 Computers	4,210.00	-0-	5	842.00
1998 Copier	1,495.00	-0-	5	-0-
1998 Computer	2,077.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Computer	2,917.00	-0-	5	-0-
1999 HP Laser Printer	500.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 HP Laser Printer	860.00	-0-	5	-0-
1997 Fax Machine	399.00	-0-	5	-0-
1993 Typewriter	180.00	-0-	4	-0-
1988 Copier	<u>1,600.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	4	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$14,488.00	\$100.00		\$892.00

TRANSFER STATION EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price		Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2001 Container	\$ 1,863.00	(54%)	\$1,305.00	10	\$ 186.00
1999 Bobcat	8,357.00	(54%)	4,177.00	10	836.00
1999 Baler	4,928.00	(54%)	-0-	5	986.00
1999 Containers	2,430.00	(54%)	1,215.00	10	243.00
1985 Trash Compactor	<u>20,000.00</u>	<u>(60%)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$37,578.00		\$6,697.00		\$2,251.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS/EQUIPMENT

Equipment	Purchase Price	Book Value	Life in Years	Depreciation For Year
2000 John Deere Tractor	\$30,560.00	\$18,336.00	10	\$3,056.00
1997 Ford Truck	16,595.00	-0-	5	-0-
1996 John Deere Mower	4,195.00	-0-	5	-0-
1995 Toro Snowblower	733.00	-0-	5	-0-
1992 Gravelly Mower	2,588.00	-0-	5	-0-
1986 Gravelly Sweeper	<u>3,900.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>	10	<u>-0-</u>
Totals	\$58,571.00	\$18,336.00		\$3,056.00

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Balance Sheet

For The Year Ending December 31, 2003

Accrual Basis

ASSETS

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Cash on Hand/Checking	\$ 8,700.07	\$13,020.16
Reserve Account	83,357.00	46,528.44
Accounts Receivable	4,066.65	1,097.81
Stock on Hand	<u>7,208.00</u>	<u>2,412.00</u>
Total Assets	\$103,331.72	\$63,058.41

LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

Accounts Payable	-0-	-0-
Surplus	<u>\$103,331.72</u>	<u>\$63,058.41</u>
Total Liability Surplus	\$103,331.72	\$63,058.41

EQUIPMENT AT COST

Mains	\$111,700.80	\$128,685.00
Wells	15,628.50	28,300.00
Hydrants	6,770.80	5,322.00
Pumps	-0-	6,350.00
Tools & Equipment	<u>6,824.30</u>	<u>2,992.30</u>
Total Equipment at Cost	\$140,924.40	\$171,649.30

We, the Commissioners, are in the process of reevaluating the assets of The Water Departments using acceptable accounting practices that conform to standard Town policy.

FRANCONIA-MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENT

Income Statement For The Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2003

REVENUES

	VILLAGE	MITTERSILL
Income	\$72,439.06	\$71,097.53

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	\$4,596.82	\$3,295.18
PSNH	9,515.54	5,154.77
Water Testing	2,111.00	1,519.00
Supplies	271.65	-0-
Contract Labor	14,560.07	14,538.01
Truck Expense	165.54	158.77
Gravel & Materials	288.00	1,650.00
Bank Charges	38.08	33.14
Chlorine	436.03	123.59
Postage	664.55	142.99
Ads, Printing	99.30	123.40
Dues	75.00	75.00
Welding	1,862.50	300.00
Misc. Supplies	426.23	400.37
Electric Controls	525.00	1,968.70
Provan & Lorber	4,840.96	4,840.94
Oil – Gas	978.97	950.96
Tools & Parts	369.76	-0-
Reserve Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
Repairs	14,019.41	6,562.03
Pumps	-0-	3,145.05
Grounds/Plowing/Mowing	673.50	547.50
Equipment Rental	464.00	-0-
Phone	1,353.21	384.54
Rebates - Charge Off	433.50	4,622.24
Hydro Fracture	-0-	5,700.00
New Equipment Water Hauling	<u>1,030.00</u>	<u>830.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$64,798.62	\$62,066.18
Income over Expenses	\$ 7,640.44	\$ 9,031.35

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

	PRINCIPAL Prin. Bal. Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested	Cash Gains or (Losses) on Securities
Common Trust Fund Investments:			
Connecticut River Bank	89,834.93	5,950.00	-0-
	<u>89,834.93</u>	<u>5,950.00</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Capital Reserve Funds:			
New Equipment	1,126.00	(1,126.00)	-0-
Bridge Construction	4,828.18	1,604.82	-0-
Reassessment	10,760.66	233.09	-0-
Legal	14,241.99	308.26	-0-
Police Cruiser	15,716.35	12,340.67	-0-
Handicap Access	2,131.55	46.20	-0-
Dow Field	1,433.12	31.03	-0-
Fire Truck	128,707.52	2,788.80	-0-
Highway Truck	40,122.19	8,019.74	-0-
Highway Loader	45,005.69	975.12	-0-
Life Squad Van	42,217.80	15,914.43	-0-
Town Buildings Truck	7,000.00	7,151.72	-0-
Transfer Station Equipment	5,000.00	108.27	-0-
	<u>318,291.05</u>	<u>48,396.15</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Expendable/Maintenance Funds:			
Sidewalk Improvement	4,637.96	5,043.41	-0-
Highway Improvement	71,176.52	15,667.25	-0-
Town Building Maintenance	23,308.46	218.58	-0-
Library Building Maintenance Fund	4,851.07	45.52	-0-
Safety Services Bldg. Improvement	98,906.59	100,927.31	-0-
Rink Surface Maintenance Fund	2,000.00	2,018.63	-0-
Cemetery Restoration	-0-	4,000.00	-0-
Health Insurance Deductions	-0-	5,000.00	-0-
Heritage Museum	-0-	1,000.00	-0-
Emergency Management	-0-	1,000.00	-0-
	<u>204,880.60</u>	<u>134,920.70</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Scholarship Fund *	103,539.00	-0-	4,494.00
Remedial Education	52,338.33	65,340.89	-0-
Lafayette School Maintenance	-0-	35,065.50	-0-

- At year-end, the market value of the Scholarship Fund was \$112,190.95.
There was \$4,800 remaining, payable to young scholars.

December 31, 2003

Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	INCOME Balance Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
<u>-0-</u>	<u>95,784.93</u>	<u>3,550.17</u>	<u>1,934.85</u>	<u>3,704.00</u>	<u>1,781.02</u>
-0-	95,784.93	3,550.17	1,934.85	3,704.00	1,781.02
-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	6,433.00	-0-	104.82	(104.82)	-0-
(10,000.00)	993.75	-0-	233.09	(233.09)	-0-
(4,187.00)	10,363.25	-0-	308.26	(308.26)	-0-
-0-	28,057.02	-0-	340.67	(340.67)	-0-
-0-	2,177.75	-0-	46.20	(46.20)	-0-
-0-	1,464.15	-0-	31.03	(31.03)	-0-
(120,000.00)	11,496.32	-0-	2,788.80	(2,788.80)	-0-
-0-	48,141.93	-0-	893.74	(893.74)	-0-
-0-	45,980.81	-0-	975.12	(975.12)	-0-
-0-	58,132.23	-0-	914.43	(914.43)	-0-
-0-	14,151.72	-0-	151.72	(151.72)	-0-
-0-	5,108.27	-0-	108.27	(108.27)	-0-
<u>(134,187.00)</u>	<u>232,500.20</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>6,896.15</u>	<u>(6,896.15)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
-0-	9,681.37	-0-	43.41	(43.41)	-0-
-0-	86,843.77	-0-	667.25	(667.25)	-0-
(295.00)	23,232.04	-0-	218.58	(218.58)	-0-
-0-	4,896.59	-0-	45.52	(45.52)	-0-
(2,345.00)	197,488.90	-0-	927.31	(927.31)	-0-
-0-	4,018.63	-0-	18.63	(18.63)	-0-
(1,383.00)	2,617.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	5,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
-0-	1,000.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
<u>(4,023.00)</u>	<u>335,778.30</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,920.70</u>	<u>(1,920.70)</u>	<u>-0-</u>
-0-	108,033.00*	861.08	4,596.06	1,400.00	4,057.14
-0-	117,644.22	-0-	340.89	(340.89)	-0-
-0-	35,065.50	-0-	65.50	(65.50)	-0-

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 2003

ASSETS

Cash in Banks and on hand	\$16,058.90
Income due from trust funds	1,092.45
Income due from misc. sources	234.40
Prepaid assets (heating oil contract)	<u>986.27</u>
Total Assets	18,372.02

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY

Accounts Payable	429.66
Accrued Payroll	<u>4,115.17</u>
Total Liabilities	4,544.83
Unreserved Designated Fund Balance	<u>13,827.19</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	\$18,372.02

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
December 31, 2003

REVENUES

From the Town of Franconia	\$55,175.00
From the Library Trust Funds	11,000.00
Fines, Lost Books, Copies & Misc.	1,979.57
Donations/Other Trust Funds	3,364.03
Donations/Public	3,066.79
Library Card Fees	480.00
Interest on Checking Account	<u>30.93</u>
 Total Revenues	 \$75,097.12

EXPENDITURES

Librarian's Salary	\$21,561.79
Other Wages	20,533.57
Payroll Taxes	3,257.51
Books, Periodicals, etc.	7,779.07
Insurance – Health	4,921.56
Insurance – Business	1,104.00
Utilities	4,373.65
Office and Library Supplies	1,045.89
Equipment	1,099.26
Computer Expenses	793.17
Repairs and Maintenance	712.00
Bookkeeping	1,200.00
Pension Funding	432.00
Custodial Supplies	68.25
Dues	350.00
Programs	742.44
Training	105.00
Postage	183.86
Consulting	100.00
Advertising	4.80
Mileage	179.17
Misc.	<u>17.00</u>
 Total Expenditures	 \$70,021.63
 Excess of Revenue over Expenditures	 (5,075.49)
Beginning Fund Equity	<u>8,751.70</u>
Ending Fund Equity	\$13,827.19

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY
Report of Funds, Checking Accounts & Income Earned Thereon
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL			INCOME				
	Balance Beginning of Year	Funds Added or Reinvested from Sales	Gains or (Losses)	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance End of Year
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	\$55,430.56	\$3,789.59	\$ -0-	\$4,100.00	\$55,120.15	\$.00	\$.00	\$ -0-
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	30,000.00	.00	794.11	.00	30,794.11	1,602.37	(1,602.37)	-0-
Harry & Mary Priest Fund	81,119.68	.00	(10,291.94)	.00	70,827.74	3,045.89	(3,045.89)	-0-
Jarvis D. Blair Fund	49,368.94	.00	-0-	.00	49,368.94	2,427.71	(2,427.71)	-0-
Phillips Fund	5,021.48	1.06	-0-	.00	5,022.54	.00	.00	-0-
J.C. Blair Fund	2,500.00	.00	-0-	.00	2,500.00	12.12	.00	81.25
J.C. Blair Fund	9,624.11	59.77	-0-	.00	9,683.88	.00	.00	-0-
J.C. Blair Fund	11,977.17	648.91	572.37	.00	13,198.45	.00	.00	-0-
Karl Schaffer Fund	10,057.90	141.3	(1,147.88)	.00	9,051.32	295.30	(295.30)	-0-
Holt	5,780.00	.00	-0-	.00	5,780.00	159.53	.00	1,010.11
TOTALS	\$260,879.84	\$4,640.63	\$(10,073.34)	\$4,100.00	\$251,347.13	\$7,542.92	\$(7,371.27)	\$1,091.36

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY – DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Services: Items Loaned

Adult Fiction	4,411
Adult Non-Fiction	2,396
Juvenile Fiction	867
Juvenile Non-Fiction	494
Easy Reading	1,588
Youth Fiction	92
Youth Non-Fiction	15
Periodicals	714
Cassettes (Books on Tape)	2,502
CD’s	73
Vertical File	9
Puzzles	3
Films	71
Videos	913
Total	<u>14,148</u>

Accessions: Library Materials

Totals 1/1/03	22,733
Purchased 2003:	
Books	277
Cassettes	115
Videos	6
CD’s	0
CD-ROM’s	0
Gifts 2003:	
Books	119
Cassettes	33
Videos	22
CD’s	4
CD-ROM’s	0
Puzzles	20
Withdrawn	(504)
Total on 12/31/03	<u>22,825</u>

Borrowed from NH State Library	79
Borrowed from Other NH Libraries	366
Borrowed from Lafayette Regional School..	44
Borrowed from NH Humanities Council....	120
Loaned to Other NH Libraries.....	320
New Borrower Cards	59
Total Active Borrowers	991

Paperbacks Purchased.....	53
Paperbacks Gift.....	99
Periodicals Purchased	30
Periodicals Gift	16
Newspapers.....	4
Adult Programs	17
Children’s Programs	38

Respectfully submitted,
Jane A. Cloran

FRANCONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Franconia Police Department had an increase in total calls for service for 2003. We responded to 709 calls in 2002 and 741 calls in 2003. We saw increases in Criminal Investigations and Felony Cases. This increases the man-hours needed to investigate these calls. We also saw an increase in Burglaries and traffic accidents.

The department applied for, and received a grant from Homeland Security for the purchase of Biological Hazard suits and breathing masks for all officers. These will protect the officers in the event of a biological emergency. We will investigate additional grants, as they become available.

Officer Ray Morris retired from the department in 2003 after 9 years of service as a part-time officer. He will be greatly missed by the officers but will remain a good friend. The members of the department have stayed consistent for many years. There has been no change for over 10 years. We are committed to serving the town and the residents.

Below is a brief summary of the total activity for 2003, which consists of only part of the 741 calls for service.

Summary of Activity

Total Calls for Service	741
Criminal Investigations	163
Criminal Arrests	45
Felony Cases	27
Assaults	6
Burglary	13
Domestic Violence	11
False Pretenses/Swindle	24
Theft from Building	6
Theft from Motor Vehicle	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	2
Criminal Mischief	14
Criminal Trespass	14
Sexual Assaults	0
Bad Checks	2
Fraud	24
Juvenile Cases	12
Alarms	42

Traffic Summons	62
Traffic Warnings	72
Traffic Arrests	14
Traffic Accidents	74
Fatal Accidents.....	3
Aid to Life Squad.....	34
Aid to Fire Department.	18
Aid to Other Agencies	83
Aid to Public	103
Aid to State Police	25
Dog Complaints	25
911 Calls	46
Open Doors/Windows.....	26

I would like to thank the officers of the department for their dedication and work. We have a department that the community can be proud of. I would like to thank all of you for your support in 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
 Chief Mark Montminy
 Franconia Police Department

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

This is a change over year for your Highway Department. We say good bye to Dave Hunt, and thank him for his 30 plus years of service to the community.

We are planning several projects for this upcoming year, some will be highly visible (paving), and others not so visible.

At this time next year, 2004, I hope to be writing to you about what we have accomplished and what the future plans are for your roads.

Respectfully submitted,
 Scott Knowlton, Road Agent

FRANCONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your fire department logged 105 calls for the year 2003, which compares to 118 calls for 2002 and 106 calls for 2001. Emergency response consumed more than 1,200 man-hours in 2003, an increase of 100 hours from 2002. The department roster averaged 20 members in 2003.

Franconia had one structure fire in 2003. On October 24, 2003, a fire was discovered on the second floor of the Horse and Hound Inn. A team from our department made the initial attack, which saved the structure. We had good cooperation from the Police Department and Life Squad. We also had excellent support from neighboring departments through the Twin State Mutual Aid System.

Our 2003 calls can be listed in these categories:

Motor Vehicle Calls	47
Alarm Activation	22
Mutual Aid Calls	28

Miscellaneous calls involved trees on wires, smoke investigations, brush fires, etc. Six of the motor vehicle calls involved moose collisions. Seven of the mutual aid calls involved structure fires. The proportions of calls were comparable to recent years, with auto mishaps leading the list.

This past year saw more demand on the time of department members as we increased our inspection program to help property owners understand fire codes and bring their properties up to code. Members also spent hours on the Truck Committee, assuring the Town got the best value in new fire apparatus.

We took delivery of a new truck in December. It cost \$215,000, of which town taxpayers paid \$200,000. The balance was raised by private donations and fundraising events by department members. The new Engine One replaces a 1979 Ford, which will remain in service as a town-owned utility and forestry vehicle. The new truck, which features a Kenworth chassis and a 430-hp Caterpillar C-12 Engine, has a 2500-gallon poly tank and a 1,000 gpm pump. It is a 10-wheeler, fabricated by Valley Fire Equipment of Bradford, NH. The truck is designed to support Engine Two, our attack apparatus, with immediate water supply and ample drafting capacity.

In making this investment, the Town has shown foresight and forbearance. We hope this positive and prudent initiative can be sustained as the Town considers a renovated Emergency Services building to meet the challenges of the future.

We thank Franconia citizens for checking their smoke alarms, cleaning their chimneys and keeping their property up to code.

We welcome new members. Please consider getting involved in the department.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Odell, Chief

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are mandatory for all outside burning unless the ground where the burning is to be done (and surrounding area) is completely covered with snow. Violations of the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail, in addition to the cost of suppressing the fire.

A new law effective January 1, 2003 prohibits residential trash burning. Contact the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services at (800) 498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information.

Help us to protect you and our forest resources. Most New Hampshire wildfires are human caused. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around the house and make sure that the house number is correct and visible. Contact your fire department or the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands at www.nhdf.com or call 271-2217 for wildland fire safety information.

2003 Fire Statistics

(All fires reported through 11/03/03)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u># Fires</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Belknap	40	4.86
Carroll	46	13.99
Cheshire	8	.68
Coos	7	17.40
Grafton	22	12.60
Hillsborough	60	11.34
Merrimack	98	10.45
Rockingham	56	18.54
Strafford	34	7.94
Sullivan	3	2.03

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	10
Campfire	25
Children	13
Smoking	20
Debris	226
Railroad	3
Lightning	2
Equipment	8
Miscellaneous*	67

(*Powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149

Remember: In the town of Franconia a fire permit is required year round. For your protection and ours, no permits are issued without an onsite inspection. In 2003 we had 2 illegal fires. Let's make 2004 without any!

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES

Respectfully submitted,
George A. Whitcomb-Town Forest Fire Warden
Stephen M. Kessler-Forest Ranger

FRANCONIA LIFE SQUAD

This report of the Franconia Life Squad (FLS) will serve as a year-end report. Once again this has been a busy year for our squad. We responded to a total of 144 incidents in the three communities we serve.

Our busiest month was August with 16 calls. February and December next with 13 calls each. Motor vehicle accidents draw the most calls followed by cardiac/stroke related emergencies.

The squad currently has 11 members all of whom are dedicated to providing the best service possible to our three communities. We would like to thank the residents and the towns for their continued support of the Franconia Life Squad.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean Wright,
Chief, Franconia Life Squad

The following is a breakdown of our activity for 2003, by town.

Emergency Description	Total	Franconia	Sugar Hill	Easton
Motor Vehicle Accidents	48	41	5	2
Medical Emergencies	18	11	5	2
Trauma Emergencies	18	9	6	3
Bicycle Accidents-Trauma	6	6	0	0
Cardiac/Stroke Emergencies	20	13	4	3
Respiratory Emergencies	4	1	3	0
Alcohol/Drug Emergencies	2	2	0	0
Working CODE-Med. Trauma	2	2	0	0
Mt. Rescue/Medical Trauma	2	2	0	0
MV Accidents/Moose & Deer	5	5	0	0
Seizures—Pediatric & Adult	3	1	0	2
Minor Medical Emergencies	2	2	0	0
Minor Trauma Emergencies	5	4	1	0
Misc. Health Prob./Asst. Runs	1	1	0	0
Fire Department Assists	4	3	1	0
Gun Shot/Stab Wound	1	1	0	0
Life Line Activation Call	3	1	2	0
Total Number of Runs	144	105	27	12
Patient Statistics:				
# Pediatric/Adolescents	21	20	0	1
# Adults	128	90	25	13
Total Number of Patients	149	110	25	14
Patients Transported to Littleton Regional Hospital By FLS:	5	5	0	0

**5 Patients or 3.5% of total runs.*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment, upon application, reviews and decides on alleged errors in administrative finding, and grants variances to the Town's Zoning Ordinance to provide relief from hardship. The Board also has the authority to grant an exception for use in keeping with certain provisions of the Ordinance

In 2003, the ZBA approved a request from Ken King III and 383 Main St., LLC, for a Special Exception to permit the construction of a shop/office/garage for the operation of Four Seasons Home Care off Mittersill Road (M28/L84)

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Gaudette, Chairman

PLANNING BOARD

New Developments in 2003

Subdivisions – The following subdivisions were approved:

- James W. Powers, Inc., 15-Lot major subdivision, Franconia Mountains Road
- Vernon & Amy Bahr, 2-Lot minor subdivision, Route 116, Easton Road

Lot-Line Adjustments – The following lot-line adjustment was approved:

- Mary Helen Lovett, Route 18, Profile Road

Permit to Excavate – The following permit to excavate was approved:

- Thad & Trevor Presby, Route 116, Easton Road

The Planning Board is currently working on updating the Master Plan, and we will need citizen support in this undertaking. In the near future you will be receiving a public opinion survey. The Planning Board needs your response to this survey. Please take the time to fill out the survey and we thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Heath, Chairman

TRI-TOWN TRANSFER STATION

During the 2003 activity at the Tri-Town Transfer Station, we mirrored the growth of the Tri-Town area. Trash tonnage again rose nearly 5%, bringing our total tonnage to 545 tons. Construction and demolition debris rose over 18%, to a total of 204 tons. Although down somewhat from the peak prices of 2002, the recycling prices were stable throughout 2003 and brought in over \$15,000 in revenue. Recycling tonnage, however, was down and our recycling rate dropped to 38%.

We recycled:

- 162 Tons of paper products
- 18 Tons of plastic
- 3 Tons of aluminum cans
- 13 Tons of steel cans
- 44 Tons of scrap metal
- 93 Tons of glass

We sent 545 tons of green bag material (trash to be landfilled) to the Bethlehem landfill at a cost of \$41,867.

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District will be sponsoring another electronics recycling day in the spring of 2004. The household hazardous waste collection will be held on Saturday June 19, 2004. Both events will be held at the Littleton Fire Station. Please contact us at the transfer station for more information.

Greg, Sonny and I would like to thank you, our customers,
for another successful year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Marshall
Transfer Station Manager

FRANCONIA & MITTERSILL WATER DEPARTMENTS

The Franconia and the Mittersill Water Departments were merged by a vote at the Town Meeting in March of 2003.

We now have a budget, which is funded by water rates and fees. The severe cold of last winter put a strain on our budget because of continuing leaks both in Town and Mittersill and for repairs on our equipment. We also spent money in our continuing search for a new water source and continue to try to rebuild our seriously depleted cash reserve fund.

We reduced our residential water rates from 33 to 5, making them all more equitable. We also set a new business rate.

The new software program brings us in line with the other town departments and helps us with our billing and collecting of unpaid bills by connecting with the Tax Office. With this new system, unpaid bills will accrue interest at the same rate as unpaid taxes.

A lot has been done this year and there is a lot more to do. One big item is to begin to install meters in the businesses. All this costs money and therefore, there will be a small increase in the 2004 water rates.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Your Water Commissioners,

Richard McLachlin
Bill Downey,
Marcia Graham

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The following projects were completed by the Franconia Conservation Commission during 2003:

- With help from volunteers, cleaned out stream between Main Street and Route 93
- Planted Elm trees at the Franconia Heritage Museum (3) and the Franconia Town Hall (2).
- Replaced Mugo Pine and Rose bushes in Triangle at intersection of Routes 18 and 116 with new planting.
- Planted material removed from triangle at Splude's Place.
- Purchased 2.1 acres along Gale River extending Gale River Bend area.
- With the help of volunteers – Robert Ball, Charles Besaw and Bradford Smith – extended walk along Gale River and cleaned up entrance to Fox Hill Park.
- At Fox Hill Park installed new signs, repainted trail markers and started new trail.
- Planted new perennial garden at Town Hall, cleaned out old perennial area at rear of Town Hall and transferred some plants to Franconia Heritage Museum.

Donations from the White Mountain Garden Club used for beautification of Franconia.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Welch, Chairman

Richard Bennink
Mary Grote

John Lefavour
Kathryn McCarthy
Lisa Woodward

Elizabeth Welch
Alice Williams

RECREATION PROGRAM

The Tri-Town Recreation Programs has had another incredibly busy year! A huge thank you to all the volunteer coaches, umpires, referees and parent helpers who have made our multitude of recreation programs possible for the youth of Franconia, Sugar Hill and Easton.

Our youth baseball/softball teams were successful with our second White Mountain League **Home Run Derby**, our only fundraising event. Money raised helped all teams in the league with uniforms, equipment, and tournament fees to send teams to play in post-season tournament games. We hosted an 11-year-old baseball tournament in Bethlehem this summer with many boys from all three towns. Great work to all who assisted, played and donated to this wonderful event.

Our Summer Recreation program was record breaking with many new students attending! Lafayette Regional School's multipurpose room provided a cool and dry place to spend the unpredictable weather during the summer. Field trips to roller rinks, Santa's Village, Lost River, Hobo Hill mini golf and Canobie Lake Park kept everyone very busy over the summer. Beach days-brought sand castles, fun in the water and a relaxing day with friends. Swim lessons took place for our youngest summer rec. campers at Sunset Hill House and our school age campers were swimming at Hillwinds all with Jean Serino at the helm. Adventure campers in grades 6th, 7th & 8th explored local swimming holes went to a SeaDogs baseball game, rock climbing, a photo scavenger hunt and Six Flags Theme Park. Many thanks to all the hard working staff and parents that assisted in making this summer very memorable.

Our soccer teams brought almost 90% of the Lafayette school population to the field to play this fall. New uniforms for the 3rd & 4th grade players made some very sharp looking teams. All of our soccer teams played ver well, the 3rd & 4th grade teams started the season by playing each other for the title of tournament champions at the Lisbon Kick Off Classic and continued to play an undefeated season. The 5th & 6th grade girls team were tournament champions in Lancaster, with a few of the girls playing on the boys team making for some very tired players! Great work to all players, coaches, referees, and parents for a fantastic season.

November brought Jean Serino back to us with a stroke development swim class for 4th through 6th grade students at the Franconia Village Hotel. In the spring, Stonybrook Motel welcomed us in for swim lessons for younger students in grades 1st – 3rd. We hope we'll be welcome back again in 2004!

This winter ice making will be in the always-reliable hands of Jeff Phillips through the Town of Franconia. Hours are posted outside the rink. We hope to see a long skating season again this year. Work was done this summer to repair and paint boards at the rink to keep this wonderful resource available and open to everyone.

The Recreation Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at the Franconia Village House at 6:00 PM. We welcome the public to attend. We look forward to another exciting year.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Germain, Recreation Director and
The Tri-Town Recreation Program

THE FROST PLACE

The Frost Place's 2003 season went very well. Its programs – The Summer Poet in Residence, The June Teachers Conference, The Frost Day Celebration, The Festival of Poetry, and The Masterclass Seminar – all flourished beautifully.

Historic preservation moved significantly forward in 2003, with a new front porch and a complete repainting of the house, along with several other major projects. Nearly \$33,000 was spent in doing this preservation work, all of it in the local area.

Also, The Poet-in-the-Schools Frost Place Program, visited schools in Franconia, Lisbon, and Littleton, and participating students, teachers, and superintendents all expressed delight and gratitude. We will continue this work in the schools in 2004. Assistant Director Keisha Luce joins me, along with The Board of Trustees, in thanking the Selectmen and the citizens of Franconia for their good and loyal support in 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Sheehan, Executive Director

FRANCONIA HERITAGE MUSEUM AND IRON FURNACE INTERPRETIVE CENTER

The year 2003, a year of surprises! One of our happy surprises was the fulfillment of Jewell's and Phil's hard work in applying for a Federal Grant in the amount of \$7,850 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The Grant provided for a general conservation assessment of the collections at the Franconia Heritage Museum and the Iron Furnace Interpretive Center as well as a survey of the Museum buildings. Another very welcome surprise was an additional gift from our good friend Melinda Richmond. This gift allowed the Museum, for the first time, to hire a high school assistant to the Curator for the summer and some after school hours

The observance of spring and fall "Work Days" by the Directors and friends accomplishes many chores around the building and grounds. On our Spring Work Day,, May 3rd, we were all shocked and incredulous to learn of the demise of the Old Man of the Mountain. Quick action by several Board members and the Selectmen's Office helped place the President of the Franconia Area Heritage Council on the Governor's Old Man of the Mountain Revitalization Task Force to represent the views of members of the Town of Franconia and the North Country. At the Museum, Phil Krill put together a comprehensive exhibit consisting of the Museum's Old Man information and memorabilia. The exhibit was featured through October.

Events held at the Museum this year include two Garden Parties (one rainy and one sunny) to open the season and celebrate the lovely Whitney Garden donated by Bob Whitney in memory of his parents; the annual summer exhibit titled "Franconia's Early Houses;" the July 4th parade entry of the trailer Edgar Davis made for the Museum dressed up as the Little Engine that Could, of storybook fame; a writer's group, now boasting eight members, initiated by M Bernice Dinner, PHD. The Early House exhibit is particularly important as it provides identification of houses' beginnings and owners through the years.

The Directors have put considerable effort this year into positioning the FAHC and the town for acceptance of the Iron Furnace should it ever become available.

Attendance at the Museum and at the Furnace remains strong. FAHC membership has topped the 100 mark. We continue to receive gifts pertaining to the history of Franconia as well as monetary gifts from our residents and friends interested in the continued growth of the Museum. We are greatly appreciative of everyone's interest and generosity.

We would like to express special thanks to the Selectmen who enable and support the existence of the Museum.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy W. Bahr

President Franconia Area Heritage Council

Board of Directors:

Phillip Krill, Vice President, Jewell A. Friedman, Acting Secretary and Curator, Muriel Manghue, Treasurer, Beatrice Hunt, Corresponding Secretary, Timothy Brown, Donald Eastman, Eugene Freshette, Ernest Hansberger, Shirley Lyman, Jon Peabody, Kay Whitcomb, David Schaffer (Honorary).

**FRANCONIA AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Calendar Year End 2003**

Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2003) **\$ 7,536.06**

INCOME

Membership Dues 15,785.00
Brochure Mailings 1,200.00

Town Funds

Franconia	10,000.00	
Sugar Hill	6,000.00	
Easton	<u>365.00</u>	16,365.00

Interest Earned 12.89

Fundraisers:

Antique Show	1,735.00	
Frostbite Follies	120.00	
Lupine Festival	<u>9,576.00</u>	11,431.00

Miscellaneous 513.62

Total **\$45,307.51**

EXPENSES

Booth Expenses:

Payroll	11,255.75
Telephone	3,178.12
Telephone Answering Service	1,929.90
Electricity	125.60
Office	826.32
Postage	1,364.15
Advertising	6,368.00
IRS (Payroll Taxes)	1,591.55
Bank Fees	13.45
Insurance	1,056.00
Internet	1,537.90

Non-Booth Expenses:

Salary	7,000.00
Administrative Office Expense	785.63
Telephone	423.31
Dues & Subscriptions	110.00
Lupine Festival	6,392.30
Miscellaneous	
Donations	18.00
Services	<u>60.00</u>

Total **\$44,035.98**

ENDING BALANCE (December 31, 2003) **\$ 9,131.18**

FRANCONIA NOTCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce wishes to thank the three towns for their continued support.

We printed an expanded 12-page full-color brochure that we send out to all our inquiries, that shows the beauty of the area and local businesses. Our web page is being constantly updated to make it as fresh as possible. The numbers of hits keep increasing over the last year. You can check out our website at www.franconianotch.org. During the 2003 season, we have continued to staff the Franconia information booth from May until October. We assisted over 4500 visitors with information, directions, area reservations and many other services. We continue to respond to many phone and mail inquiries for area information services and referrals.

We organize and conduct the following events and festivals:

The Annual Frostbite Follies Winter Carnival
The 15th Annual Old Men of the Mountain Rugby Festival
The 9th Annual Fields of Lupine Festival
The Fall Antique Show

These events highlight our beautiful area. They have attracted more visitors to our towns and subsequently provide jobs, economic growth and tax revenues to our communities. We welcome input and ideas. We are hoping to involve more businesses that aren't just hospitality related. The Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00AM at area businesses. Please join us in helping improve our area's Chamber of Commerce.

Sincerely,
Franconia Notch Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber operates on a cash basis and not all expenses have been booked as of year-end. Other than funds received from dues and Town funds, the remainder of the income is from members to support the Chamber's other activities as outlined above.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2003**

Date & Place Of Birth	Name Of Child	Name Of Father & Mother's Maiden Name
January 10, 2003 Laconia, NH	Beatrice Rose Tursi	Michael Tursi Nicole Deslauriers
March 6, 2003 Littleton, NH	Luka Antoinette Burns Finn Josephine Burns	Gerard Burns Mara Gleichner-Burns
March 12, 2003 Littleton, NH	Connor Alan Hamilton	Trevor Hamilton Sandra Hamilton
March 21, 2003 Littleton, NH	Thaddeus Paul Marks	Christopher Marks Karen Marks
July 19, 2003 Littleton, NH	Aden Thaddeus	Thaddeus Presby Joselle Germano-Presby

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2003**

Date & Place Of Marriage	Name and Surname Of Groom & Bride	Residence of Each At Time Of Marriage
April 19, 2003 Sugar Hill, NH	Patrick Scot Knight Corrine Renee Thomas	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
June 21, 2003 Sugar Hill, NH	Francis Peter Grima Leslie Helen Smith	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
June 28, 2003 Franconia, NH	Matthew Jon Moreau Katrina Marie Tracy	Barrington, NH Barrington, NH
August 2, 2003 Franconia, NH	James Charles Forrest Catherine Miller	Franconia, NH Franconia, NH
September 7, 2003 Franconia, NH	Tho Huu Nguyen Lara Elizabeth Lawrence	Palmer, MA Palmer, MA
December 24, 2003 Sugar Hill, NH	Scott Christian Davis Anne Genevieve Brubaker	Burlington, VT Franconia, NH

**DEATHS REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF FRANCONIA
For the Year Ending December 31, 2003**

Date & Place Of Death	Name & Surname Of Deceased	Name & Surname Of Father	Maiden Name Of Mother
Jan. 20, 2003 Franconia, NH	Helen R. Rowins	Alexander Radzevich	Katherine Spurgis
Feb. 22, 2003 Franconia, NH	Stuart P. McKenzie	Edward McKenzie	Gladys Bowles
May 23, 2003 Franconia, NH	Marion C. Howland	Wilbert Craigie	Agnes Nickolson
July 2, 2003 Littleton, NH	Stan H. Rowins	Joseph Rowins	Ana Staco
July 13, 2003 Littleton, NH	Medora E. Bilodeau	Joseph Laveau	Albertine Montambault
Aug. 17, 2003 Franconia, NH	Jennie M. Champagne	Charles MacKay	Rebecca Bennett
Aug. 19, 2003 Franconia, NH	Raymond H. Marshall	Herbert Marshall	Florence Johnson
Nov. 20, 2003 Franconia, NH	Beatrice C. Blasenak	Joshua Colby	Mary Davis
Dec. 3, 2003 Franconia, NH	Harlee Wayne Frost	Randolph Frost	Sadie Evelyn Hallette
Dec. 15, 2003 Franconia, NH	Harry J. Wohlenberg Jr.	Harry Wohlenberg Sr.	Eleanor Broring

NOTES

TOWN HOURS

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

823-7752

DAILY	12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETINGS (Monday)	3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TOWN CLERK'S/TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

823-5237

TUESDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

823-7752

TUESDAY (2nd each month)	7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY (office hours)	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

TRANSFER STATION

823-5311

MONDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	CLOSED
FRIDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

ABBIE GREENLEAF LIBRARY

823-8424

MONDAY	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (November - April)	2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (May - October)	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
THURSDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
FRIDAY	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

FIRE - POLICE - LIFE SQUAD - EMERGENCY PHONE

911

FIRE - POLICE - LIFE SQUAD - NON-EMERGENCY PHONE

823-8123

Old Man of the Mountain

In Memoriam • May 3, 2003



“Men hang out their signs indicative of their respective trades; shoemakers hang out a gigantic shoe; jewelers a monster watch, and the dentist hangs out a gold tooth; but in the mountains of New Hampshire, God Almighty has hung out a sign to show that there He makes men.”

Daniel Webster